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SUBJECT: U.S. NGO INTEREST IN THIRD PREPCOM, WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE

1. LISTED BELOW ARE NAMES OF NGO INDIVIDUALS PLANNING
ATTEND THIRD PREPCOM OR BE IN ROME DURING PREPCOM SESSIONS.
ALSO NOTED TO EXTENT KNOWN IS SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF EACH
INDIVIDUAL.

2. ROBERT FONDHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROTEIN GRAIN PROD-
UCTS INTERNATIONAL. FONDHAN'S ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS
NATIONAL PROCESSED FOOD SUPPLIERS TO PL 480 PROGRAM AND HE
IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT OF FOOD AID.
FONDHAN HAS NOTIFIED BOTH FAO, NORTH AMERICAN OFFICE AND
FAO, ROME HIS INTENT ATTEND PREPCOM AND HAS RECEIVED CON-
CURRENCE THESE OFFICES. HE HAS ALSO ALERTED S/WF HIS
INTENTIONS AS WELL AS SECRETARIAT OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HE
WILL BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH WORLD FOOD PROGRAM
OFFICIALS, CERTAIN FAO OFFICERS AND ATTENDING SOME SESSIONS
OF PREPCOM. WILL ONLY BE ATTENDING FIRST WEEK OF PREPCOM.
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FYI - FONDHAN WELL-KNOWN TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICIALS

AND HAS BEEN PREVIOUS PUBLIC ADVISOR TO U.S. DELEGATIONS ATTENDING WFP MEETINGS. FONDHAN NOT REQUESTING ANY SPECIFIC SUPPORT FROM U.S. DELEGATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INVOLVED UNOFFICIAL SESSIONS, RECEPTIONS, ETC. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. END FYI. FONDHAN WOULD APPRECIATE

FODAG NOTIFY WFP DIRECTOR AQUINO AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR ROBERTSON. HE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THEM AND WIVES TO DINNER ONE EVENING DURING FIRST WEEK OF PREPCOM AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

3. LARRY MINEAR, CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. MINEAR HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND WELL-INFORMED ON CONFERENCE ISSUES AND AGENDA. MINEAR HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS. CWS MOST ACTIVE OF AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS AND HAS SPECIFIC CONTACTS WITH FAO AND WFC SECRETARIAT THROUGH WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. MINEAR EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL PREPCOM SESSIONS.

4. JOHN WHEELER. WHEELER, GRADUATE STUDENT, YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, DOING SPECIFIC RESEARCH ON BOOK RE: FOOD AND NUTRITION. WHEELER ATTENDING PREPCOM ON GRANT FROM YALE AND HAS CONTACTED FAO OFFICIALS IN NORTH AMERICA AND ROME. WHEELER WILL BE INTERESTED IN MEETING FAO NUTRITION OFFICIALS AS WELL AS FAO DISASTER RELIEF PERSONNEL AND HOPES TO SIT IN ON SOME SESSIONS OF PREPCOM. S/WF IN CONTACT WITH WHEELER EARLY AUGUST AND EXPECTS THAT HE WILL BE IN ROME DURING FULL PERIOD OF PREPCOM.

5. MARY ROSE. MRS. ROSE REPRESENTING GATEWAY PRODUCTIONS, A PRIVATE TELEVISION PRODUCTION FIRM, UNDER CONTRACT TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOR TWO HOUR SPECIAL ON WORLD FOOD SITUATION. SPECIAL SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME NOVEMBER AND PBS PROBABLY INTERESTED FILMING SOME SESSIONS WFC IN NOVEMBER. MRS. ROSE ARRIVING ROME APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 2 WILL BE INTERESTED MEETING SECRETARIAT PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSONNEL AND SOME U.S. AND FAO OFFICIALS. MRS. ROSE WILL BE RETURNING U.S. VIA ROME FROM INDIA WHERE SHE WILL HAVE COMPLETED FILMING ACTIVITIES. UNCLASSIFIED

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IES IN INDIA FOR SPECIAL. FYI - PBS FILMING ACTIVITIES IN INDIA HAD FULL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT. BELIEVE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN FIRST FOREIGN CAMERA CREW IN INDIA LAST FEW YEARS. END FYI.

6. SHAUGHNESSY PLANNING ASSIST/ACCOMPANY NGO AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AS NECESSARY. EXPECT ADDITIONAL U.S. NGO PRESENCE AT PREPCOM, BUT NO OTHER SPECIFICS THIS TIME.

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